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MONSOON TO REVIVE FROM THURSDAY, SAYS MET DEPT

After a good spell of rain in the first two-and-half weeks of June, the southwest monsoon has not advanced further

BLAME THE ABSENCE OF WEATHER SYSTEM

Forecast models show signs of increasing rain activity in south, west coast and east-central India from July 8, M Rajeevan, secretary in the Ministry of Earth Sciences tweeted. Conditions are not favourable for the monsoon's progress till July 7, due to the absence of a weather system. Lack of rains and heat waves have sparked concerns in many parts of the country

NORMAL RAINFALL ACROSS INDIA IN JULY

- Forecast models predict a weather system will form over the Bay of Bengal by July 12 and kickoff a stronger phase of monsoon
- Delhi, Haryana, parts of UP, Punjab and Rajasthan are yet to see the advent of monsoon. The IMD, in its July forecast, said the country as a whole will witness normal rainfall this month

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OF THE FIRST 21 DAYS OF JUNE SAW ABOVE NORMAL RAINFALL

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People who say Muslims should leave India can't be Hindus: RSS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Lucknow

MAKING a strong pitch for communal harmony and nationalism, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat on Sunday said in a democracy like India, there cannot be dominance of either Hindus or Muslims, but only of Indians. "If a Hindu says that no Muslim should live here, then that person is not a Hindu," he added.

Advisory to Muslims

Reiterating his call for nationalism and communal harmony, Bhagwat urged the Muslims to not get trapped in the cycle of fear that Islam is in danger in India

Addressing an event organised by the Muslim Rashtriya Manch (an RSS-inspired platform for Muslims) in Uttar Pradesh's Ghaziabad district, the RSS Sarsanghchalak said, "Development is not possible without unity in the country. The basis of unity should be nationalism and the glory of ancestors."

"It has been proven that we have descended from the same ancestors for the last 40,000 years. People cannot be differentiated based on how they worship, as all people in India have the same DNA. Hindus and Muslims are not two groups; there is nothing to unite as they are already together," Bhagwat asserted.

Coming down heavily on incidents of lynching, particularly over alleged cow slaughter and smuggling, the RSS chief said, "Cow is a holy animal, but lynching is against Hindutva. Law of the land should take its own course against them without any partiality." He, however, said there were instances of false lynching cases foisted on people.

Reiterating RSS' commitment to nationalism, Bhagwat said the only solution to Hindu-Muslim conflict is dialogue, not discord.

Bhagwat began his speech by stating that the event was neither an image makeover exercise nor a platform for vote bank politics. "The Sangh is neither into politics nor does it bother about image. It works tirelessly for strengthening the nation," he said. Later, Bhagwat released a book by Dr K I Ahmad, ex-advisor to former prime minister P V Narasimha Rao.

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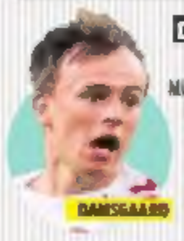
>
> Mohan Bhagwat, RSS chief

THE FOURMIDABLES

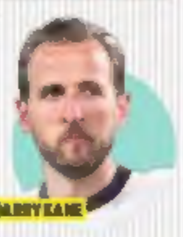
Following England's 4-0 win over Ukraine in Rome Saturday, the semifinalists have been spotted. Here is a look at them...

DENMARK — ENGLAND



DENMARK — ALL EYES ON Midfielder Mikkel Damsgaard has been the heart of Denmark, setting up goals and even scoring them.

Denmark failed to qualify for Euro 1992 but were drafted in ten days before it started after Yugoslavia were excluded and went on to lift the trophy. And here they are, against all odds, in what is only their third semifinal appearance ever. After losing their star player Christian Eriksen – who has miraculously recovered from a cardiac arrest – they have been on a roll.



ENGLAND — ALL EYES ON Their captain Harry Kane. If he continues to score, England can go all the way.

The stars are aligning for the Three Lions to lift only their second major title after winning the World Cup on home soil in 1966. Gareth Southgate's team are yet to concede a goal and will play the semifinals at Wembley. They seem to be peaking at the right time, and with the home crowd to back them, they are now favourites. But here is a catch: England's last defeat came at Wembley last October against Denmark.

ITALY — SPAIN

ITALY — ALL EYES ON Ciro Immobile, who has been threatening the opponents' backline consistently.

The team of the tournament so far, impressing everyone with their attacking displays. The Azzurri are on an unbeaten streak of 31 matches, winning 13 on the trot. Roberto Mancinis' side has not only been defensively strong like past Italian teams, but play an attacking brand of football. Key to it has been Leonardo Spinazzola, who will miss the semifinal because of injury. However, they can still go the distance.

SPAIN — ALL EYES ON Young midfielder Pedri is making a mark for himself with his slick passing style.

Didn't look convincing at the start, yet they have managed to reach the semifinals. Luis Enrique's side can be frustrating to watch because of their mantra to pass, pass and keep passing. But if their forwards can find those little spaces and convert those passes into goals, they can be entertaining. It is hard to guess which Spain side will turn up and there lies their problem. If their strike force doesn't turn up, they can forget about that title. **P11**

EXPRESS READ

Stan Swamy's health: NHRC notice to M'rashtra

New Delhi: The NHRC on Sunday issued a notice to the Maharashtra government in the wake of a complaint alleging serious health condition of imprisoned 84-year-old Father Stan Swamy. The body has demanded proper medical care for Father Swamy. **P8**

Farmer stuck in pipe freed after 2 hours

Bengaluru: A farmer, who entered a pipeline to connect a water pipe to his land, was stuck inside for about two hours before he was rescued by the Fire personnel. The incident took place at Singribovidoddi village in Ramanagara taluk. **P2**

Life gets little more normal from today as K'taka lifts curbs

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@ Bengaluru

ADDITIONAL relaxations to Covid lockdown norms will come into effect from Monday in Karnataka and will continue to remain in place till July 19. Night curfew will begin every day at 9 pm and end at 5 am.

Shopping malls, especially in Bengaluru, have been sending out messages to customers to visit them when they open on Monday. Cinema halls, microbreweries and pubs will remain shut, while hotels and restaurants will be allowed to open.

Metro and BMTC services will run, but can only carry the seating capacity. BMTC will operate around 4,500 buses between 5 am and 9 pm every day. Digital ticketing (QR code-based) will be made available on all buses.

Workers clean up and sanitise the premises of Banashankari Temple in Bengaluru on Sunday, a day before it reopens for devotees | ASHWKRISHNA HP

While there is no restriction on interstate or interdistrict movement, those travelling from Maharashtra and Kerala have to carry a negative RT-PCR report or a vaccination certificate of at least one dose. All schools and colleges will remain shut.

"A total of 54 special teams comprising BBMP Marshals and Bengaluru police personnel will be deployed across the city to impose fines and register cases on individuals and commercial establishments violating Covid norms," said Bengaluru Police Commissioner Kamal Pant.

Stalin replies to BSY; We are legally right: Bommai

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

REPLYING just a day later to Karnataka Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa's letter on the Mekedatu project, his Tamil Nadu counterpart MK Stalin on Sunday stated that Karnataka should not pursue the reservoir-cum-drinking water project.

Karnataka Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai, however, said, "We are legally in the right and we will continue with our legal fight. Tamil Nadu will have to cooperate because this is a drinking water project. During the lean period when Cauvery flow is less, Mekedatu project will allow us to release the stipulated water to Tamil Nadu. This will in fact help the neighbouring state too."

Officials from the CM's Office and the water resources department are meeting Yediyurappa on Monday to discuss the issue.

KPCC president DK Shivakumar said, "The state government needs political will to go ahead with Mekedatu. We have BJP governments both here and at Centre. The state government has to go in for the tender process and start the project."

FULL STORY: P5

Dhami sworn in after rebels get their share

VINEET UPADHYAY @ Dehradun

AFTER intense firefighting by party leaders to contain rebellion, Pushkar Singh Dhami (45) took oath of office and secrecy as Uttarakhand's 11th chief minister at Raj Bhavan here on Sunday evening.

Apart from Dhami, 11 ministers from the outgoing Tirath Singh Rawat ministry were sworn in, including all those who were frowning at his appointment. The tense drama continued till the last minute, as very few were aware of the grumpy leaders joining the ministry.

CONTINUED ON: P8

US co launches gadgets with Indian GPS service

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE US manufacturer of navigation devices, Garmin, has launched handheld devices that use the global positioning services offered by ISRO satellites, for terrestrial, marine and flight navigation.

The services are available through an ISRO-launched constellation of satellites, the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS), operationally named NavIC (Navigation with Indian Constellation). Garmin has developed two handheld devices, GPSMAP 66sr and GPSMAP 65s, in the country.

The constellation of eight NavIC satellites — in space since 2018 — provides accurate real-time positioning and timing services across the country to motorists with an accuracy of less than 20-metre diameter.

While the current global positioning system services offered on smartphones are from the US constellation of GPS satellites, NavIC is said to be more accurate. **P5**

NATIONWIDE	JULY 3	JULY 4
Fresh cases	44,111	43,071
Recoveries	57,477	52,299
Deaths	738	955
KARNATAKA	**JULY 3**	**JULY 4**
Fresh cases	2,082	1,564
Recoveries	7,751	4,775
Deaths	86	59

DPR dips to 2.34%

The Ministry of Health on Sunday said the recovery rate of the country has climbed to 97.09%. The weekly positivity rate is at 2.44% while the daily positivity rate stands at 2.34%, it said

WITH THIS ISSUE

NO BYPOLL? MAMATA HAS A WORKAROUND, SAYS PARTY

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

AMID allegations that the entire Uttarakhand drama was directed at denying West Bengal Chief Minister **Mamata Banerjee** an opportunity of getting elected in a bypoll citing the ongoing pandemic, the Trinamool on Sunday appeared unfazed.

"If the bypoll is not conducted, she will resign two days before the stipulated time of six months ends and take oath as chief minister again after two days," said party MP and spokesperson Saugata Roy. Mamata narrowly lost in Nandigram, which is why she has to get elected to the Assembly within six months of assuming office. That deadline ends on November 5.

Another option is the revival of the state Legislative Council, which was decided during her first cabinet meet after being sworn in as CM for the third time. She could take that route like Uddhav Thackeray did in Maharashtra without fighting a by-election. But there is a catch.

"The proposal to revive the Vidhan Parishad has to be approved by Parliament. Since BJP has majority in Parliament, we will wait for approval. Bengal had a Legislative Council since Independence, so there should not be any issue in its revival," said Roy. The Upper House was abolished in Bengal after the United Front government came to power in 1969.

In Uttarakhand, when Tirath Singh Rawat resigned as chief minister saying by-elections could not be held within six months of his taking oath of office due to the Covid pandemic, the Congress alleged that the real aim was to stop Mamata from getting elected as an MLA and compel her to step down.

HELP TO FARMERS

Kolar tomatoes to make long journey by train to Bengal, Delhi

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

IT could just be the manna tomato growers in Karnataka were hoping for. The Railways is now chugging in to help these distressed farmers, who were seen throwing their produce on the road just a few days ago.

Buoyed by the success of its ongoing Kisan Rail services from Kolar-Chikkaballapur region to New Delhi, the Bengaluru Railway Division is for the first time gearing up to dispatch tomatoes by express trains to West Bengal and New Delhi. It has already done the trial runs, which have been successful.

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager AN Krishna Reddy told *The New Indian Express*, "After a trial run with 4 tonnes of tomatoes to the Howrah Railway Station, the feedback has been good. The consignment was not damaged and tomatoes were fresh too. Our representatives have spoken to tomato farmers and traders on starting the service. There is a glut in the market here and we can help farmers get a better price in Delhi and West Bengal."

Carton-loads of tomatoes being stacked at the APMC Yard in Kolar | EXPRESS

Secretary of APMC yard at Kolar, TS Ravikumar, said, "Tomato growers are struggling as their produce is not going out of the State because of Covid regulations. Before the Railways starts the service, traders should be brought on board as there are multiple points of handling the produce."

CR Srinath, proprietor of CMR Traders at the yard, said, "Farmers are getting only ₹5 to ₹12 per kg of tomato now. The number of farmers growing tomatoes increased this year as prices were high last year. This has led to a glut in the market and prices have crashed."

KISAN RAIL A GAMECHANGER: P2